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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 6-10, 12, 16, 25-29 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
3. Claims 6-10, 12, 16, 25-29 recites the limitation "the most serious events" in lines 5-6 of claims 6-10, 12, 25-29 and in lines 8 of claim 16. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
4. Claims 14, 17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being a duplicate of claim 11 and 5 respectively.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-16, 18, 20-22, 25-27, 30-32 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Skinner** (US 6703930).

**Regards claim 1**, Skinner discloses a system for delivering safety and security information comprising:

at least one event monitor (102), each event monitor having an output;

means (interface 108) for predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs of respective event monitors;

means (controller 104, 106) for predetermining the format (mode) of a message related to respective events;

means (controller 104, 106) for receiving the respective outputs of each of said event monitors and means for sorting the outputs, based on the predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs, into categories related to distinct channels of communication; and

means (controller 104 and network 112) for delivering messages based on the predetermined criteria and predetermined format as seen in Figures 1 and 3; col. 3, lines 14-67; col. 4, lines 1-65; col. 5, lines 1-67; col. 6, lines 1-65; col. 7, lines 1-67; col. 8, lines 1-1-67; col. 9, lines 1-67; col. 10, lines 1-14.

**Regards claim 2**, Skinner discloses said means for predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs of respective event monitors includes a web site accessible by an end-user using a laptop via the Internet as seen in col. 7, lines 62-67; col. 8, lines 1-19; col. 9, lines 38-48.

**Regards claim 3**, Skinner discloses said means for predetermining the format of a message includes a web site accessible by an end user using a laptop via the Internet as seen in col. 7, lines 62-67; col. 8, lines 1-19 and 40-53; col. 9, lines 38-48.

**Regards claim 6**, Skinner disclose said means for predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs of respective event monitors includes a plurality of communication channels selected from the group comprising radio frequency transmissions, e-mail, text messaging, instant mail, pager, mobile phone, and wireless PDAS in addition to a central-station (fire department or police department or ambulance service) for processing most serious events as seen in col. 5, lines 63-67; col. 6, lines 1- 24; col. 9, lines 9-37.

**Regards claims 7-8**, referring to claim 6 for explanation.

**Regards claims 11 and 14 (duplicate)**, Skinner disclose a system for delivering safety and security information which comprises:

at least one event monitor (102), each event monitor having an output;

means (interface 108) for predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs of respective event monitors;

means (controller 104, 106) for receiving the respective outputs of each of said event monitors and means for sorting the outputs, based on the predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs, into categories related to distinct channels of communication; and

means (controller 104 and network 112) for delivering messages based on the predetermined criteria as seen in Figures 1 and 3; col. 3, lines 14-67; col. 4, lines 1-65; col. 5, lines 1-67; col. 6, lines 1-65; col. 7, lines 1-67; col. 8, lines 1-1-67; col. 9, lines 1-67; col. 10, lines 1-14.

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**Regards claim 12,** Skinner disclose said means for predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs of respective event monitors includes a plurality of communication channels selected from the group comprising radio frequency transmissions, e-mail, text messaging, instant mail, pager, mobile phone, and wireless PDAS in addition to a central-station (fire department or police department or ambulance service) for processing most serious events as seen in col. 5, lines 63-67; col. 6, lines 1- 24; col. 9, lines 9-37, 38-48.

**Regards claim 13,** Skinner disclose said means for predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs of respective event monitors includes a plurality of communication channels selected from the group comprising radio frequency transmissions, e-mail, text messaging, instant mail, pager, mobile phone, and wireless PDAS as seen in col. 5, lines 63-67; col. 6, lines 1- 24; col. 9, lines 39-48.

**Regards claim 15,** A system for delivering safety and security information which comprises:

at least one event monitor (102), each event monitor having an output;

means (interface 108) for predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs of respective event monitors;

means (controller 104, 106) for receiving the respective outputs of each of said event monitors and means for sorting the outputs, based on the predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs, into categories related to distinct channels of communication;  
and

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means (controller 104 and network 112) for delivering messages based on the predetermined criteria; and

means (controller 104) including a central station for events of greatest immediate urgency as seen in Figures 1 and 3; col. 3, lines 14-67; col. 4, lines 1-65; col. 5, lines 1-67; col. 6, lines 1-65; col. 7, lines 1-67; col. 8, lines 1-1-67; col. 9, lines 1-67; col. 10, lines 1-14.

**Regards claim 16**, referring to claim 7 for explanation.

**Regards claim 18**, referring to claim 16 (7) for explanation.

**Regards claim 20**, referring to claim 1 for explanation.

**Regards claim 21**, referring to claim 2 for explanation.

**Regards claim 22**, referring to claim 3 for explanation.

**Regards claim 25**, referring to claim 6 for explanation.

**Regards claim 26**, referring to claim 7 for explanation.

**Regards claim 27**, referring to claim 8 for explanation.

**Regards claim 30 (referring to claim 11)**, Skinner discloses a method for delivering safety and security information which comprises:

providing at least one event monitor having an output;

predetermining criteria for sorting the outputs of respective event monitors',

receiving the respective outputs of each of said event monitors and means for

sorting the outputs, based on the predetermining criteria for sorting the

outputs, into categories related to distinct channels of communication; and

delivering messages based on the predetermining criteria and predetermined

format as seen in Figures 1 and 3; col. 3, lines 14-67; col. 4, lines 1-65; col. 5, lines 1-67; col. 6, lines 1-65; col. 7, lines 1-67; col. 8, lines 1-1-67; col. 9, lines 1-67; col. 10, lines 1-14.

**Regards claim 31**, Skinner discloses the step of sorting the outputs of respective event monitors includes providing a web site accessible by an end-user using a laptop via the Internet as seen in col. 7, lines 62-67; col. 8, lines 1-19; col. 9, lines 38-48.

**Regards claim 32**, Skinner discloses the step of predetermining the format of a message includes providing a web site accessible by an end user using a laptop via the Internet as seen in col. 7, lines 62-67; col. 8, lines 1-19 and 40-53; col. 9, lines 38-48.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 4-5, 9-10, 17, 19, 23-24, 28-29, 33-34 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Skinner.

**Regards claims 4-5, and 17 (duplicate of 5)**, Skinner fails to specifically disclose the website is accessible only with a predetermined password or predetermined username and password. However, it has been well known in the art of website account accessing that a website account (bank account or email account) requires an end user to at least enter predetermined password or predetermined



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username and password for accessing the account. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art to make use of a web site, which is accessible only with a predetermined password or combination of predetermined username and password.

**Regards claims 9-10**, referring to claim 6 for explanation.

**Regards claim 19**, referring to claim 5 for explanation.

**Regards claim 23**, referring to claim 4 for explanation.

**Regards claim 24**, referring to claim 5 for explanation.

**Regards claim 28**, referring to claim 9 for explanation.

**Regards claim 29**, referring to claim 10 for explanation.

**Regards claim 33-34**, Skinner fails to specifically disclose the step of predetermining criteria includes providing a web site is accessible only with a predetermined password or predetermined username and password. However, it has been well known in the art of website account accessing that a website account (bank account or email account) requires an end user to at least enter predetermined password or predetermined username and password for accessing the account. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art to make use of a web site, which is accessible only with a predetermined password or combination of predetermined username and password.

### ***Conclusion***

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Molini et al. (US 6353385) disclose an alarm interface system.

Tu et al. (US 6617969) disclose an event notification system.

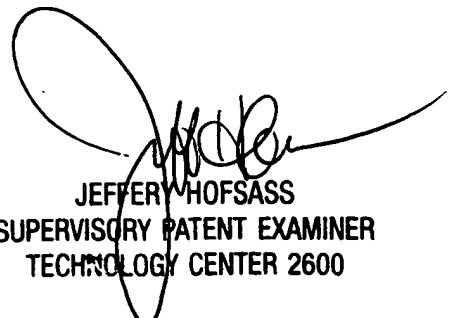
Sandelman et al. (US 6717513) disclose a system for monitoring remote equipment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lam P. Pham whose telephone number is 571-272-2977. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffery A. Hofsass can be reached on 571-272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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